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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims to read as follows (a copy of the amended claims showing the additions and deletions appears at the end for the Examiner's convenience):

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1. A photographic laboratory digital image sequencing apparatus for generating a sequence of digital images of a customer order before passing the digital images to a printer for printing, comprising:

an image input, through which the digital images are received,

an image output which outputs the digital images, said image output providing as an output the stored digital images of the customer order according to an output sequence,

an image memory for storing the digital images of the customer order; and

a determining unit arranged which determines positions of the stored digital images in the output sequence by reference to reference data.

7. A processing system for processing photographs in a photographic laboratory comprising

at least one group consisting of a scanner which produces digital images by scanning photographic films of a customer order and a digital image data interface which receives digital image data of a customer order via a data transmission line or data storage medium;

sequencing apparatus of claim 1, which receives digital images of the customer order as an image input;

a printer which receives and prints the digital images of the customer order as provided by the image output of said sequencing apparatus in accordance with the output sequence.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 1 and 7 have been amended; and claims 2-6 and 8 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

Red-lined Claims for the Examiner's convenience:

1. A photographic laboratory digital image sequencing apparatus for generating a sequence of digital images of a customer order before passing the digital images to a printer for printing, comprising:

an image input, through which the digital images are received,

an image output which outputs the digital images, said image output ~~outputting providing as an output the stored digital images of the customer order according to an output sequence,~~

an image memory for storing the digital images of the customer order; ~~and is provided,~~

a determining unit ~~is~~ arranged which determines positions of the stored digital images in the output sequence by ~~referring reference to reference data.~~

7. A processing system for processing photographs in a photographic laboratory comprising

at least one ~~of the~~ groups consisting of a scanner which produces digital images by scanning photographic films of a customer order and a digital image data interface which receives

digital image data of a customer order via a data transmission line or data storage medium;

the sequencing apparatus of claim 1, which receives the digital images of the customer order ~~in the~~ as an image input;

a printer which receives and prints the digital images of the customer order ~~output as provided~~ by the image output of the said sequencing apparatus of claim 1 in accordance with the output sequence.